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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
Rabon Sargent

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s).
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3 6) ☐ Other:

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1. Claims 11-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Within claims 11 and 15, the distinction between an activator, an auxiliary substance, and an additive is unclear.

Within claim 12, the bases for the claimed mole percents have not been specified. Furthermore, it is unclear if the specified percent values are to sum to 100 percent.

Within claim 19, there appears to be a word omission between "resistant" and "hydrolysis".

2. Claims 11-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for processes wherein the polyether polyol and polyester polyol conform to those set forth within pages 2-6 of the specification, does not reasonably provide enablement for processes wherein virtually any polyether and polyester is employed. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Applicants have specified that the polyether has the properties set forth within pages 2 and 3 of the specification, and applicants have further stated that the polyester polyols are specific polyester polyols, as set forth within pages 3-6 of the specification. Therefore, the position is taken in view of this disclosure that applicants have failed to provide adequate enablement for the production of oil and

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petroleum resistant (polyurea) polyurethanes using the entire genus of compounds which are encompassed by the instant claims.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -


(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 11, 15, 17-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mao ('572).

Patentee discloses the production of flexible polyurethanes, suitable for use in coating, automotive, and fabric coating applications, wherein the polyurethane is produced from a 70:30 to 90:10 weight ratio blend of 1,000-3,000 molecular weight polyether polyol and 1,000-3,000 molecular weight polyester polyol. See examples A-D within Table I. Since the disclosed polyurethanes and claimed compositions are produced from the same reactants, the position is taken that it is logical to conclude that the disclosed polyurethanes inherently possess the same properties as the claimed polyurethanes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (703) 308-2982.

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